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Subject: Lab Weekly Report - Craft-Turney item

James,

I will be submitting the following as one item in the Lab's weekly activity report:

Craft-Turney Drinking Water Incident: The Houston Environmental Laboratory (Lab) was tasked to assist the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) with drinking water sample analysis for Methylene bis-thiocyanate (MBT). On October 3, 2018, the Craft-Turney Water Supply Corporation located in Cherokee County, south of Jacksonville, Texas, issued a Do Not Use order on 16 connections related to a back siphonage event at Arrington Sawmill. The back siphonage into the drinking water system occurred from a tank, without a backflow prevention device, containing a wood preservative utilized in treating wood pallets. MBT is an active ingredient in the wood preservative and the Lab has developed a Gas Chromatography analysis method for MBT. The Lab expects 24 samples from TCEQ to arrive on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

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